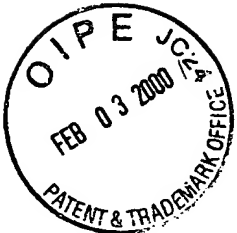


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Final Office Action of August 30, 1999.

- X Petition for Extension of Time enclosed (2 pages).
- X An additional amendment fee is required as calculated below.
- X Also enclosed: copies of Dictionary of Micro. And Molec. Biol (3 pages); McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific and Technical Terms Fifth Edition (3pages); return receipt postcard.

No. of Claims After Amendment			Most Claims Previously Paid			Extra Claims			Additional Fee	
A. Total Claims	43	-	39	=	4	x	\$18	=	\$72.00	
B. Ind. Claims	20	-	20	=	0	x	\$78	=	0.00	
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 260							\$260	=	\$0.00	

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D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)	=	\$72.00
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)	=	0.00
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)	=	72.00

X A check for \$ 452 to cover the \$ 380 extension of time fee and \$72 extra claims fee is attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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